# HINDENBURG LINE NOT READY, PARIS BELIEVES

FAMED POSITION NOT SOLID RAMPART OF THE PAST.

Formidable Still, but Every. thing Depends on Condition of Troops Back of Line.

Paris. Aug. 31,-While the center of e eighty-mile battle line was relathe eighty-mile battle line was relatively quiet, enemy resistance increased yesterday on both wings. He was unable, however, to arrest the progress of the allies. At the northern end Gen. Horne and Gen. Byng gained important ground for future operations by taking Bullecourt, the most solid position in that sector. (Last night's British official statement admitted that the British troops had been forced to fall back to the western outskirts of Bullecourt.)

"Hinge" Position Strong.

Gen. Mangin attacked the southern end of the line. The region in which he is fighting forms an elbow where the line running from Dunkirk to Noyon meets a line running at right angles across France to Nancy. This "hinge" position is exceptionally strots.

"hinge" position is exceptionally strong, since it is based north of Soissons on a high plateau overlooking the valley of the Aisne to the south and the Ailette to the north. There are wooded ranges of hills in this St. Gobain country which described as a second as a se ry which dominate Laon and a serious defeat here would oblige the enemy to nake a precipitate retreat and force him to abandon not only the line of

him to abandon not only the line of the Vesle, but the three lines formed by the Aisne, the Chemin-des-Dames and the Aiste, the Chemin-des-Dames and the Aistete.

Best Hun Can Muster.

Gen. Ludendorff in consequence has thrown in the best divisions he can muster. These are Alpine regiments. Prusslan guards and picked Bavarian and Saxon units.

Gen. Mangin has in his command some of the finest American divisions, together with elite French and colonial troops. The fighting during the last forty-eight hours has equaled in ferocity anything as yet seen during the war.

Nevertheless the enemy had to give Nevertheless the enemy had to give way and the Franco-American forces have won half the plateau between Soissons and the Coucy-le-Chateau. The Soissons-Coucy and the Soissons-Anizy-le-Chateau roads are threatened and the Germans are faced by the danger of the French getting behind the Chemin-des-Dames in their

Reasons for Confidence.
Conservative military opinion here
lews the situation with confidence. It
felt the Germans delayed their retreat too long and that they are fight-ing so hard and sacrificing men to gain time because the Hindenburg line is not yet ready. In any case that famous position is not believed to be such a solid rampart as it was when first made a year ago, when the works were new and well kept up and were solidly garrisoned by troops with upimpaired morale. They still are a formidable object, but everything depends upon the condition they are in and also the state of the troops that will fall back into them.

### COLLEGIATE SYSTEM IN PROCESS FEDERALIZATION

## Five Hundred Presidents and Deans Declare in Favor of Move.

Chicago, Aug. 31.—Five hundred presidents and deans of colleges and universities in the central states, in conference at the students' army training corps camp at Fort Sheridan, surprised the war department by declaring themselves unanimously in favor of the federalization of the institutions

of the federalization of the institutions to aid the government in supplying manpower and officers' material for a successful prosecution of the war. As a result, the placing of the collegiate system of the entire nation on a war basis is under way today. Opposition of the college heads was expected because the militarization program means a complete revamping of curriculums and the combining of vocational with collegiate education, all under way department supervision. of curriculums and the combining of vocational with collegiate education. In all under way department supervision. When the government's necessity was explained by Maj.-Gen. Thomas H. Barry, commanding the central department, however, they not only consented to comply with the president's request for co-operation, but cheered the speaker.

The federalization of the colleges

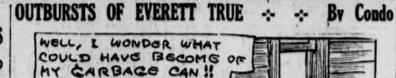
# MISSING COLLIER'S NAME

STRICKEN FROM REGISTER Washington, Aug. 31.—The name of the missing collier Cyclops has been formally stricken from the navy register. Secretary Daniels said today, and orders have been issued for the payment by the treasury of all claims growing out of the loss of her crews.

Secretary Daniels and other naval officials are certain that the fate of the 10,000-ton collier always will be a mystery.

Bound from South America with a cargo of manganese ore to be used in the
manufacture of war munitions, the collier touched at the Barbadoes on March
4. Leaving that port, she was never
heard of again, and although a most
thorough search developed, the big vessel
was not sighted by any of the commercial or fishing craft which throng the
south Atlantic.

Various theories have been raised to





# SAMUEL GOMPERS VISITS HUMBLE SCENE OF BOYHOOD HOME IN ENGLAND

## American Labor Leader Thronged With Handshakers in Old Street in London's East Side.

then broke in: Knew Him When a Boy.

"I know you, Sam Gompers," she said. "Many's the time I gave you a piece of my mind when you used to live there" pointing to the house where Mr. Gompers was born. The old woman had not seen him since he left

London, Thursday, Aug. 29.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, today visited his boyhood home where he was born 68 years ago. It was an event of great importance in the little section of East London known as Spittlegate. Mr. Gompers had only visited England once before since he had left there as a boy to seek his fortune in America. His previous visit was nine years ago. Mr. Gompers was accompanied today on the journey to Fort street by several members of the American labor mission. Mr. Gompers, star ing in the middle of the street, recalled many scenes of his boyhood.

"The old street has not changed much," he said as he stood in front of the house which had been his home for many years. "That old public house on the corner looks exactly as it did when I used to listen to the crowd of old cigar makers discussing politics in the evening when I was a mere slip of a boy."

While Mr. Gompers was talking, an old woman of over eighty years, wearing a long gray shawl, hobbled up, looked at the stranger a moment and then byoke in:

Knew Him When a Boy.

"It have yen to fort street by several many to the children and get on well with them.

Sould ferent from New York's east side great throng of Spittlegate people, all of whom were anxious to see the man who had risen to great power from the humble surroundings of their street.

Mr. Gompers spent a very happy half-hour in the midst of the crowd of men, women and children, many of them children, grand-children and cell ferent and mother. He particularly enjoyed the children and get on well with them.

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There was a great deal of hand-shaking as Mr. Gompers bads his old and new friends farewell after prom-

and new friends farewell after promising to make the street another visit before returning to America.

In the afternoon Mr. Gompers called at American army headquarters to see Maj.-Gen. Biddle and Surgeon-General Winter. Afterward he paid a surprise visit on Maj. Endicott, the . merican Red Cross commissioner at Red Cross headquarters and arranged to visit the

# partment, however, they not only consented to comply with the president's request for co-operation, but cheered the speaker. The federalization of the colleges means practical abolition of customary educational requirements for entrance and no limit to develop, regardless of previous training and expense. Washington, Aug. 31.—With nationwide prohibition impending, the gentle art of distilling moonshine whisky is spreading to northern states never before suspected of "kitchen rum making." League of Nations is favored in London from the western front. League of Nations is Favored by a wounded, who recently have arrived in London from the western front. CHAIRMEN BOTH NATIONAL PARTIES New York, Aug. 30.—Will H. Hays, thus for its own prepared straight, or should accept an internationalism partly committee, in a letter made public to-day, announced his "hearty sympathy with the general purpose" of the league to enforce peace, and accepted election of the requirements for entrance and no limit to develop, regardless of previous training and expense. New York, Aug. 30.—Will H. Hays, thus for its own prepared straight, or should accept an internationalism. Therefore in accepting your kind recently have arrived in London from the western front. League of labor men were surrounded by a London from the western front. League of labor men were surrounded by a London from the western front. League of labor men were surrounded by a London from the western front. League of labor men were surrounded by a London from the western front.

spreading to northern states never before suspected of "kitchen rum making."

In announcing that nearly 500 illicities had been destroyed and property worth \$100,000 seized this summer. D. E. Murphy, chief of the government's moonshine sieuths, intimated that surprising revelations of the endough the surprising revelations of the endough chart surprising revelations are not consistent that the endough chart surprising revelations to dark caves in the wilderness, mountain fast nesses and impendicular that the endough chart surprising the endough

that the retreat of the Teuton forces establishing a permanent international partnership to keep the world safe after it has been aved from the danger of German militarism.

The league announced that among the political leaders who have recently written letters favoring this campaign are. William B. Haldeman, democratic national committeeman from Kentucky: Coleman duPont, republican national committeeman from Delaware; Representative Burton L. French, of Idaho: W. H. Gillenwater, chairman republican state committee of New Mexico; Harry J. Humphreys, chairman republican state committee of New Mexico; Harry J. Humphreys, chairman republican state committee of New Hampshire; Col H. F. MacGregor, republican national committeeman from Texas; United States Senator William H. King, of Utah: Ben M. Neale, chairman democratic state committee of Missouri; Henry S. Jackson, republican national committeeman from Georgia, and Gov. Holcomb, of Connecticut.

Pledges of Indorsement have come also of the western front was prearranged and carried out according to plan without undue haste, is cast by A. S. Meyer, war correspondest of the Essen Allgemeine Zeitung, who gives an account of his visit to a high staff officer of Gen. Von Hutier's army to whom he was referred for information. The officer, who had not slept three hours at a stretch for days, showed traces of excessive fatigue.

"In the midst of the officer's explanatory statement," says Meyer artlessly, "the telephone rang and news came that the enemy had rushed in on the left flank of the army of Von Der Marther of Missouri; Henry S. Jackson, republican national committeeman from Georgia, and Gov. Holcomb, of Connecticut.

Pledges of Indorsement have come also of Emperor William, from declaring that superior lead-rship and

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Pledges of indorsement have come also
from a number of state and county
chairmen and committeemen of both

cial or fishing craft which throng the south Atlantic.

Various theories have been raised to explain the disappearance of the Cyclops, but it has gradually come to be accepted that the vessel met with a violent hurricane and turned turtle, carrying with her 57 passengers, 15 officers and 221 members of her crew.

BEQUEATHS \$100,000, ENTIRE

ESTATE, TO RED CROSS
Evansville, Ind., Aug. 31.—Under the terms of the will of the late Chas. Kahn, made public today, his entire estate, the value of which is estimated at \$100,000, is bequeathed to the American Red Cross society "after my just debts including funeral expenses, are paid."

the republican national committee, wrote as as follows:

"I very heartily sympathize with the general purpose of your league. I am with you in principle. I will gladly accept, and you in principle. I will gladly accept, subject to your understanding that my position is as hereafter set forth.

"Having in view the present attitude not only of Germany, Austria and Turkey, but of Russia, and the fact that the three former have occupied this position for four years, and Russia for one, and

Such incidents do not prevent Karl Rosner, generally considered the press agent of Emperor William, from declaring that superior leadership and skill still are on the German side, and the Lokal Anzelger of Berlin finds it In accepting the honorary vice-presidency of the league, Chairman Hays, of the republican national committee, wrote as follows:

VIENNA REPORTS SURPRISE
ATTACK SOUTH OF MORI
Vienna (Via London), Aug. 31.—The
war office statement today says:
"South of Mori our cavalry storm
troops surprised and captured a part of
the garrison. Near Aslago the enemy
launched several attacks after violent artillery preparations. These were becaten
back by our fire and counter attacks.
"Yesierday our airplanes dropped fifty
bombs on Monte Belluno station."

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

# COBB COPS BATTING LEAD AND JOINS ARMY

CURTAIN GOES DOWN WITH GEORGIAN BOWING.

Rush Crowding Zack Wheat for Honors in National-Averages for Week.

Chicago, Aug. 31 .- Capt. Tyrus Raymond Cobb, who this week stepped from the spotlight of baseball into the chemical division of the army, took with him the 1918 batting honors of the American league. As the Detroit star stood bow-ing before the falling curtain of the game, friends realized that he had taken those

a "bonehead."

Hollocher, with an average of .320, dropped into fourth place, relinquishing third to Heinie Groh, of Cincinnati.

Max Carey, of Pittsburgh, is certain to dnish the race with base-running honors. He has stolen 55 bases, while George Burns, of New York, next in the list, has 29.

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Roush is the leading sacrifice hitter, his total of 33 giving him a lead of 5 over Moliwitz, of Pittsburgh.

In home-run hitting Cravath, of Philadelphia, tops the list with 7. Cincinnati is in first place in team hitting with an average of 278, while Chicago is second with 287. Chicago also is second in team fielding. New York leading with 271. Leading batters:

Z. Wheat, Brooklyn 341

Roush, Cincinnati 328

Groh, Cincinnati 328

Groh, Cincinnati 323

Hollocher, Chicago 320

J. C. Smith, Boston 313

Daubert, Brooklyn 314

Merkle, Chicago 304

Burns, New York 224

Young, New York 224

Hornaby, St. Louis 222

## SECRETARY HAYWOOD OF I. W. W. GETS 20 YEARS

Chicago. Aug. 31.—William D. Haywood. secretary and treasurer of the 1. W. W., and four other members of the organization were sentenced yesterday by Judge Landis to twenty years imprisonment and to pay \$20,000 fine cach.

Those sentenced with Haywood to twenty years in the penitentiary and to pay a \$20,000 fine are:

Carl Ahlteen, Minneapolis; George Andreytchino, Chicago; Forest Edwards, Minneapolis; Ralph Chaplin, Chicago; Leo Laukki, Duluth; Aurello V. Azuara, Los Angeles; G. L. Lambert, Minneapolis; Viadimir Lossieff, Chicago; Walter T. Neff, Philadelphia; Charles Rothfisher, Chicago; James Rawan, Spokane; Sam Scarlette, Akron, O.; Manuel Ray, Buffalo, N. Y.; Richard Brazler, Spokane.

The following were sentenced to five years in prison and fined \$5,000 on each of the four counts:

William Moran, Spokane; H. F. Kane, Globe, Ariz.; John Aviia, Paterson, N. J.; Dave Ingar, Youngstown, O.; William Weyh, Oakland, Cal.; Pierce C. Wetter, Great Falls, Mont.; Joseph Oates, Globe, Ariz.

Great Falls, Mont.; Joseph Oates, Globe,

EDITOR GERMAN LANGUAGE
PAPER HELD BY POLICE
Evansville, Ind., Aug. 31.—Hans
Weiss, former editor of a local German
newspaper, is in custody of the police
today, charged with changing his address without notifying his draft board.
The authorities found what they declare is a German code in the possessjon of Weiss and say a more serious
charge ilwl be filed against the prisoner late today.

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AMERICAN. Philadelphia at Boston. New York at Washington. Cleveland at Chicago. Detroit at St. Louis.

# STANDING OF THE TEAMS

# YESTERDAY'S RESULTS NATIONAL LEAGUE

# AMERICAN LEAGUE

Boston, 12-4; Philadelphia, 0-1. Boston ... 2 3 2 9 5 6 7 8 9 - R. H. E. Philadelphia ... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 9 8 Boston ... 2 3 3 9 3 2 3 3 -12 11 Batteries—Johnson and McAvoy; Mays

Hatteries Johnson and Activy, May and Schang.

Second Game—
Innings. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9—R. H. E.
Philadelphia ... 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 4 1 1
Boston .... 0 0 3 0 1 0 0 0 0 4 5 2
Batteries—Perry, Johnson and Perkins: Mays and Schang. Cleveland, 3-4; Detroit, 1-2.

First Game—
Innings. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9—R. H. E.
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Detroit ... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 — U 4 3 Detroit ..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1- 1 4 3 Batteries-Coveleskie and O'Neill; Cun-ningham and Spancer. ingham and Sponcer.
Second Game—
Innings.

1 2 2 4 5 6 7 8 9—R. H. E.
Cleveland ... 0 0 0 2 0 0 1 1 0 — 4 6 7
Detroit ... 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 2 7 3
Batteries—Bagby and O'Neill; C. Jones

And Yelle.

Washington, 6; New York, 1.

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Batteries—Finneran and Honnah; John-

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